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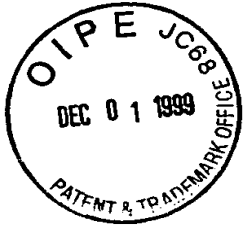
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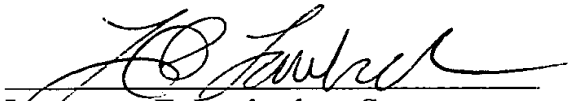
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.99, applicant presents herewith PTO Form 1449 containing a list of the references which he believes might be material to the Examiner's examination and/or to the patentability of a claim of the application, and which constitutes the most pertinent prior art with which he is acquainted. Copies of these references are submitted herewith, together with a copy of the search report of the European Patent Office dated June 16, 1999.

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The claims of the instant application have been carefully drafted to define the novelty of the instant invention over the teachings of this prior art.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.

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